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June 20, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director

SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH HEALTH RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

This is to advise your Board of the termination of the Department of Mental Health's Legal Entity Agreement (Agreement) with Health Research Association, Contract No. MH120860, effective June 30, 2013. Board approval for this Agreement was given on June 6, 2012, Agenda Item No. 40.

This Agreement is terminated at the written request of the Contractor, dated October 25, 2012 (see attached letter), pursuant to Paragraph 2 (TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE) of the Agreement. The effective date of termination is June 30, 2013.

If you have any questions or concern regarding this termination, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

MJS:MM:RK:cc

Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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Health Research Association, Inc.
an affiliate of University of Southern California

October 25, 2012

Mr. Richard Kushi
Chief of Contracts
550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Re: Health Research Association, Legal Entity Agreement MH 120860

Dear Richard,

Health Research Association ("HRA" now doing business as "USC Clinical Research Organization" or "CRO") has administered a residential rehabilitation program since 1993 pursuant to Legal Entity Agreement MH 120860 (the "Agreement") with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health ("DMH" or "Department"). This letter is intended to provide DMH notice that HRA will no longer have the capability to continue to administer the delivery of services to DMH and its clients under this Agreement.

HRA is currently a subsidiary of the University of Southern California ("USC") and is in the process of exploring a full integration of HRA into USC. As a result of this integration, HRA may no longer have the administrative capacity to administer this Agreement.

We understand the concerns for the clients and are committed to partnering to help ensure a smooth transition for each individual serviced by the program. Our contract allows for termination on 30 days notice but we are committed to working with you on a smooth transition of these clients, with the understanding that HRA will cease providing services as of June 30, 2013.

I request a meeting at your conveyance to develop an action plan to help ensure we meet this shared objective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Mackey".

Steve Mackey
Executive Director
Health Research Association

cc:

Mary Marx, District Chief, Countywide Resource Management
Carlos Pato, M.D., Chair, USC Department of Psychiatry
Coreen Rodgers, Chief Operating Officer, Keck School of Medicine of USC
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